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CHAMP CLARK'S PROGRAMME.

Champ Clark, the prospective speaker of the next congress, will permit his house to appoint its own committees, he says, and our democratic contemporaries regard the prospect as "a long step toward the emancipation of that body from sectional control."

The packing of committees under Cannon was the most odious feature of his rule, and naturally our democratic friends point to the methods of the senate where the committees are appointed by the senators with the result that partisanship has been nearly eliminated.

It may be that Mr. Clark will discover that a self-governing house may not be any easier to manage than a self-governing team of Missouri mules.

It will be interesting to see just how a self-governing house will dispose of ex-Speaker Cannon. It is safe to wager that his personal popularity will prevent him from getting lost or left when the distribution of prizes is made.

PURCHASES BY PHOTOGRAPH.

The mail-order business which invites patronage through photographic reproduction is not a good way to buy goods. A photograph of goods is always more or less deceptive, as is a photograph of persons. The camera is a way of making things look better than they really are, as those who have bought goods on the strength of pictures well know.

There is a big difference between ordering by mail and having the goods selected by clerks haphazard and going to a home store and looking at the goods and getting the opinion of a courteous and reliable clerk on the subject. It is the salesman in the home store who tells you frankly whether you are getting your money's worth and informs you if a better choice can be made. Most of our salesmen are intelligent about merchandise, and have thought out pretty carefully the many home problems involved in a purchase of their wares.

It should always be borne in mind that mail-order goods are frequently second-grade goods. The photograph or engraving does not show distinctions of quality. Considering the enormous rental of the great metropolitan establishment, the staggering cost of their army of clerks and buyers, the way money flows like water for expensive catalogues, they have got to get their money back some way. The rural purchaser by mail helps pay all those bills.

A MURDERER'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

The life of a Vermont murderer has been prolonged a year by the adjournment of the biennial session of the general assembly of Vermont, to January, 1911. The Rutland News calls attention that Elroy Kent, who was booked to be hanged on January 12, 1912, will now be alive until January, 1913, because the statutory law declares: "No person sentenced to the punishment of death shall be executed previous to the first day of January after the close of the session of the general assembly following such sentence." If the legislature is in session on January 12, next, says the News, of which there is no reasonable doubt, Kent cannot be executed before January, 1911.

This is what the News calls a Christmas gift, but living in the shadow of the gallows a year longer doesn't have anything very fascinating about it, although it may create a hope that what has accidentally happened once may occur again.

THE HUNTERS SLAIN.

The high tide of slaughter appears to have been reached during the hunting season of 1909, when 31 men were killed through their own carelessness or the mistakes of others. This year the total reaches only 18 killed, with quite a number of others wounded, with some prospects of a few additions to the fatal list.

Massachusetts points with pride to the fact that in the open season there is not a hunter was killed.

In Maine it was different. There men occasionally shot each other, and frequently shot themselves to death because of carelessness in handling their guns. In the 15 days of hunting in New Hampshire, five men were slain; Little Rhode Island contributed two victims.

When Connecticut reaches an open season may she do as well as Massachusetts did after a close season of ten years. The reason of her exemption is thus stated: "Freedom from accident may be due to the fact that during the long period of preservation of the deer, those animals have been practically domesticated, and our farmers have learned to distinguish between the creatures busily destroying their crops and amateur sportsmen seeking venison."

An Ohio man who stole a \$20 ram told the court as a matter of defense that he had such a severe stomach-ache when he committed the offence that he couldn't help it.

The fact that Edison does not pretend to know anything about the future would not prevent him from contributing liberally to a Santa Claus club.

The South Carolina boy who raised 22 bushels of corn on an acre of land and got \$180 for it and a prize of \$100, deserves to be nationally heard of.

Dr. Cook is kindly referred to by some of our contemporaries as the "poor-there-man," but he will not mind so long as he has found peace.

The London Express speaks of a law case 30 years old. The plaintiff and the defendant must have been born to it these many years.

The automobile makers to be used by the Pennsylvania road will cost six millions. But the regular drivers will be impelled to have them.

THE GRANGERS' POSITION.

The master of the State Grange of Vermont is an active prohibitionist, and in his recent annual address to that body he is reported to have said:

"The question of how best to control the liquor traffic is still unsettled, and probably will be so long as congress licenses distillers, and allows the grain God has given for our sustenance to be used in making subjects for our almshouses, our asylums and our prisons. The liquor traffic is probably responsible for more than 75 per cent. of the above named classes. What a tax we are paying in human souls, as well as dollars and cents, for the revenue derived from this branch of 'American industry'!"

"All through our Grange work temperance is taught, and we should strive to extend its teachings as fast and as firm as possible. The Grange has earnestly asked for another referendum, believing a better law can be devised than our present one. Local option is a nonentity. One town in a county can nullify its effects. The result is too small."

It is to be noticed that these Grangers are getting wise to units of political power and saying that if the most successful political unit ever discovered by the politicians is the country, that it must be the most successful unit for them. For instance, if eight political units work best for the politicians in a state like Connecticut, why should other causes be compelled to have 168 political units? Isn't the politician's ratio of success 1 to 21 in its relation to towns? No wonder the prohibitionists think it is good enough for them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: The grievance that is immediately cut out heals with great rapidity.

If Collector Loeb keeps still, perhaps the Sugar trust will manage to have a Merry Christmas.

The crusade against whalers in Kansas has nothing to do with the abolition of queues in China.

It is proclaimed for a fact that no Christmas tree was ever so big that a four-year-old could not climb it.

The opponents of La Follette spent \$14,000, but they confess they should have had more money to beat him.

When it comes to chewing, it would be interesting to know how often Mr. Fletcher attacks corn-starch pudding.

The physician who thinks that graft has a germ back of it, may be just as correct as the believers in other germs.

The southern states very naturally favor New Orleans as the logical center for the Panama canal exposition in 1915.

Dollars minted in 1804 and in a good state of preservation are worth \$3,000 each. That is a pretty good advance.

Carnegie has not always stood for peace, for there have been times when he could have had peace for much less money.

Toy day is a popular day in Philadelphia when old toys are brought to the front to be donated to the toyless children in that city.

Judge Bond, who tried the LeBlanc-Glover murder case, is of the opinion that "Hattie LeBlanc is innocent, but that she knows all about the murder and who is guilty."

The New Britain Herald issued a Christmas number of 44 pages, a task which can only be accomplished by a well-equipped printing establishment. The Herald is the best advertisement New Britain has, for it always gives an industrial word-picture of the town.

MR. CHANDLER'S BILL.

Rocky Hill Legislator Puts "Finishing Touches" on Direct Primaries.

The honor of having the final draft of the direct primaries bill, one of the most important measures expected to be introduced at the next session of the general assembly, comes to Bridgeport. The Hon. George B. Chandler, Rocky Hill, who is expected to introduce the bill, put the finishing touches to the original bill.

According to Mr. Chandler, his bill is a modification of the direct primaries measure drafted by Judge John H. Perry, Southport, and retains many of the most important features of that bill.

The state convention nomination system with a roll call and instructed delegates is retained, and the bill particularly emphasizes that all voting in convention must be upon roll call and that no secret balloting is to be allowed. The party organization has left it with the basis of representation. No candidate who does not receive 36 per cent of the primary vote can nor can be selected who are not balanced in the primaries.

Mr. Chandler believes that such a measure will increase the registration throughout the state and will present means for registering the popular desire in giving the people opportunity and preventing any clique from controlling a nomination. He feels sure that some legislation will pass—Bridgeport Standard.

What is a Gentleman?

Too frequently a man wearing good clothes and spending money freely is called a gentleman, when as a matter of fact he is no such thing. Even Satan has been called a gentleman because of his suavity of speech and engaging manners. There isn't a villain on the stage but is handsome, well-dressed and of charming appearance. A stage villain, at worst, is not polished worse off than from the very start. It is not the clothes, or the suavity, or the education, or the birth that

tell the true story of a man.

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Charter Revision In Boston**2--The City's Experience With Commissions**

BY A CITIZEN

Having branded the first Fitzgerald administration as the most corrupt or any in Boston's history, which made even republican leaders smile as they recalled some history not very remote, the reform element set about reforming the city hall by way of Boston Bill. It was adopted by nearly every citizen of city office. The Boston mayor profit by a new charter.

It was felt by the more intelligent of observers that the patchwork system of revision might well be abandoned and have the entire instrument hauled out on the drydock and carefully overhauled. But the Finance commission of the Boston Society said that a new charter was not needed and that a careful revision would accomplish the same results.

They started the city of "more responsibility for the mayor," and it is interesting to watch how they proceeded to bring this about. Under the new charter the mayor had no absolute powers of appointment or removal, no command over the police force, no power to make appointments and loans to secure patronage from the mayor. In other words, there was "too much politics at city hall."

All kinds of schemes were brought forward by well-meaning citizens who believed they just jinx the names to give Boston a pure government, but that was not the case. One scheme urged by some, but not others, was to have a single head of administration, the board of aldermen. In most cases the terms of office were for two years. Both branches had no power upon loan and appropriation bills. It was claimed by the municipal progressives that a system of either, or long-term, or short-term, or even permanent, or semi-permanent heads, but that was not the case. The administration by the state of the city of the finance, water and sewerage systems and the Boston police department was to be placed in the hands of an independent commission.

It was also suggested that suffrage be restricted to those who paid poll tax, but this was not taken seriously. It was held that what was needed was to reduce the number of candidates to be voted for rather than the number of voters.

After all the evidence was heard the cry was sounded, "more power for the mayor and less authority for the city council."

Boston, Dec. 26, 1910.

makes the gentleman. There is many a Bill Sykes in fashionable coat and patent leathers, and many an admantine Crichton in grey overalls and oil-skin coat. They are all gentlemen, but an man who drinks his coffee from his saucer or eats his peas with a spoon is a gentleman. Others will say that the man who fails to take off his hat in an elevator when ladies are present is no gentleman. Again, giving up a seat in a street car may be made the test. There are a thousand other tests, but the most important, not whether the man is in jeans or denim or broadcloth, or whether he has 10 cents in his pocket or \$1,000,000 in the bank, he is a gentleman if he is kind, clean, considerate and brave—Scranton News.

Children and Money.

My father was a minister with six children. My mother was ready to enter college with her brothers before the day of the woman's college. Now that I have children of my own I am thankful for the thoughtful training which we six children had. We each had small allowances, and at the close of the year we were required to draw up a budget showing the amount of money we had saved and to place to our account in the savings bank. We then

became the grand possessors of a bankbook. The habit of saving with supervision to prevent misappropriation, and all the difference between parents and parent in later years—Christian Herald.

Christmas.

Christmas came with the birth of a Child, and the children down at their festival. They are right, because, if there could be a vote taken in the kingdom of childhood, and it should be adverse to the celebration, nothing would be left of the festival save some church candles and seasonal prayers.

He is not a real Christian. The little ones of the little children, grasping eagerly at the mantle of Father Time and reminding him of the beautiful holiday coming on Christmas. Otherwise Time would forget it, and the mirth of neglect would settle upon it, and the Christmas date would become only one of the monotonous days of the year.

Children are as happy as the sun, blossoms into flower with the regularity of the night-blooming cereus. It is food in the gracious perfume of infinite-angled sweetness. It is the happy referer of the brightest thing in the

whole Christmas. The little hands of the little children, grasping eagerly at the mantle of Father Time and reminding him of the beautiful holiday coming on Christmas. Otherwise Time would forget it, and the mirth of neglect would settle upon it, and the Christmas date would become only one of the monotonous days of the year.

That is what Christmas is. The little ones of the little children, grasping eagerly at the mantle of Father Time and reminding him of the beautiful holiday coming on Christmas. Otherwise Time would forget it, and the mirth of neglect would settle upon it, and the Christmas date would become only one of the monotonous days of the year.

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